

TIMELINE:

1858-1874 JTHS on Eastern Avenue

1874-1887 Building on Chicago Street

1887-“West Side High School” or Broadway School

1901

- Joliet Junior College (as it would later be named) begins with six students at Joliet Township High School
- April 4, the high school building is dedicated (has labs, assembly hall, library, and museum, “breathing apparatus” or ventilating system)

1908 Yaggy hired to teach physics

1912 Yaggy (and others) appointed to Junior College Committee

1915 Erection of addition to h.s. on Herkimer Street (still, they had “3 storage rooms, several was rooms, the women’s rest room and three rooms lighted by artificial light only, six outside buildings including churches, flat buildings and an ex-business block were also pressed into service”.)

1916

- College officially known as Joliet Junior College
- Men’s intercollegiate sports begin
- The colors purple and white chosen as the college colors


1916 College Loan Fund established

1917 JJC accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

1918 College holds first formal commencement on June 19

1919

- July 11, J. Stanley Brown resigns to become director of the Thrift and savings campaign sponsored by the US Treasury Dept. in Washington.
- August 1, Dr. L. W. Smith accepts position as superintendent



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1920

- Separate JJC library established
- Yearbook article states that JJC was “reorganized on a more complete and sufficient basis.”
- First College Catalog printed

1921 (22) 2nd addition to h. s. building. “Shops were moved into the new building and a lunch room with a seating capacity of 800 and a supplementary lunch room for the teachers were incorporated on the fourth floor. In the very heart of the building a new gymnasium shines forth with a seating capacity of 2,000 and of 2,000 more by placing movable seats on the gymnasium floor and on the running track above, thus creating a convention hall rich in acoustic properties. Above the topmost seat of the permanent bleachers, is the indoor running track of fourteen laps to the mile, making it one of the largest of its kind in this section of the country.” See article on school buildings for more info.

1926

- Women's Athletic Association established
- Ira Yaggy named Dean of College

1923 “Growlers” social and literary club organized and sponsored by Trams

1925 Scalpel Club organized for pre-medical students

1928

- Student Council organized
- June 7, Smith resigns and takes post at Berkeley
- July 30, Haggard takes over as superintendent

(late 20's) College Club is formed from Growlers, Dramatics, and Musical Clubs

1929 Plan providing academic courses for nurses in training at Silver Cross Hospital began.

1930 College newspaper, *The Blazer*, born

1931 Fall; enrollment jumps 131 students as Stock Market crash prompts kids to take advantage of JJC's free tuition.

1932

- College began charging tuition--\$25 per semester



- (Approx.)JJC gets Carnegie grant to build up library
- Fake Blazer trial held

1933 First college yearbook, *The J.*, was published

1934 First student conference, April 14

1936

- Current Events Club begins
- April 26, JJC has Anti War day
- NIJCC changed to Illinois Association of Junior Colleges

1936 (-37)Haggard serves as president of the American Assoc. of Junior Colleges

1937 JJC legalized by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois-May

1939

- Haggard leaves JJC for Western Washington College of Education
- Brown dies (approx.) Sept. 7
- C. L. Jordan steps in for Haggard
- Sept. 1- Germany invades Poland, etc.

1941

- December-Supt. Jordan gets orders to report to U. S. Marines
- Roy N. Fargo is appointed in his place as Acting Supt.
- Enrollment begins to drop from war to 387 students

1942

- War Dept. asks science dept. to develop courses to aid the war (Wood 89)
- Sept., Drew Castle (head of voc. Ed) is made Supervisor of Defense
- Enrollment drops to 213 students
- Dr. Leonard Wheat Feb 1942-Jan 1943

1943

- General Assembly passes new law requiring four years of college training to teach in elementary school; student teaching in Normal program dropped (62 Wood).
- June; JC/JTHS designated as a canning center; Rowley supervises three centers and 30 classes in food production, as well as "Victory Gardens" throughout the area.
- Fall: Enrollment drops to 179—mostly women
- Basketball team is dropped due to scarcity of men
- College yearbook replaced by paperback "Memory" book



- Blazer reduced from 8 pages to 4
- Amendment to Act of 1937 approved; authorized districts operating a j.c.. to levy up to 35 cents for educational purposes and for the building fund up to 15 cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation if approved by a public referendum.

1944 GI Bill passed

1945

- Dr. Rossevelt Basler
- Veterans begin to trickle back; enrollment jumps to 336.
- October: Basketball team is reinstated

1946

- Basler leaves, Dr. Donald M. Sharpe comes in.
- 692 students register in the fall

1947

- Dr. Sharpe resigns June 12 for health reasons
- College opens in fall with 618 students
- (Approximately) Smoker, amenities established in part for returning veterans
- Dean Yaggy retires
- Henry Leinenweber appointed Assistant Dean (March 3)
- March 11, Elmer W. Rowley named Assistant Supt. And Dean of the College (effective July 1, 1947)
- Hugh Bonar appt. and reports for duty August 1, 1947
- Truman's Commission for Higher Education makes a study and recommends that all states develop a system of CC's to offer academic and vocational programs.

1948 Leinenweber goes back to Social Sciences when Susan Wood is appt. Assistant Dean on Jan 13

1949 Music curriculum begun; Hal Dellinger begins as chairman

1950 First college football team established

1951

- Junior College Act of 1951 passes; Provisions stated 1) A uniform system of standards and procedures was to be followed in establishing j. c.'s by referendum. No longer could a school district establish a junior college by a resolution of the school board, for the Act of 1937 was nullified by the Act of 1951. 2) A high school district was authorized to vote to levy a tax to pay the tuition of a resident to attend any junior college in the State of Illinois.



- Rowley named Director of Adult Education
- Basketball team wins state championship under Fizz Wills
- Mrs. Martha McDonald begins millinery class (hatmaking).
- “The World Today” film-lecture series is begun.

1955

- Rowley is among those present at the signing of the JC Act of 55; provides \$100 for each resident student attending a j. c. in IL.
- Wrestling team started
- Adult evening school now served several thousand students
- Floyd Tompkins hired to take over the day college

1956 Pre-physical education curriculum for men is started

1957 General assembly increases provision to \$200 per student.

1958 Vocational-technical building completed

1959

- Junior College Act written by Cherry and Rowley
- Women’s Activity League replaces WAA, retaining sports activities, while broadening social program.

1960

- Commission of Higher Ed. Report recommends that “the State of Illinois create a Board of Higher Education to coordinate the plans of all state supported institutions of higher education.
- Dr. William French replaces Bonar
- Cadet program for beginning teachers begun

1963

- Pre-physical education curriculum for women is started with Beulah Hoffer as chairperson. (John Davis is Director of Athletics at this time.)

1964

- Provisional Master plan released by the Board of Higher Ed.
- Joliet East and West Township High schools open in the fall
- November 21, propositions to approve tax levy to support jc defeated 2 to 1

1965

- Junior College Act passes (July 15); J. C.’s become units of Illinois Higher Education. Deems JJC as a class 2 college because it is still connected with the high school.



- June 17, Dr. French announces that the college would need additional funds if it were going to stay in existence.
- Sept 7, referendum defeated again.
- Fall, Kenneth Timm organizes a committee to explore the practicality of a separate j.c.

1967

- E. W. Rowley named first college president; takes over Aug. 15.
- College severs its relationship with the high school, becomes a Class I junior college district, and begins operating under its first Board of Trustees. (State approves Feb 18)
- April 15, First Board is elected
- April 24, Glasscock named first board president, Ingmire VP
- June 30, Rowley retires
- July 10, Susan Wood appt'd. Temp. Chief Administrator
- August 28, Board takes over duties for j.c.
- Fall 1967 Chairmen, board members, etc. visit campuses in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and NY.

1968

- Law enforcement program begins
- 2 year associate degree program for nurses begins
- Fall: satellite and off-campus centers begin being used for Evening and Summer College: Coal City, Lockport, Morris, Plainfield and Wilmington.
- Walt Zaida returns as Dean of Student Personnel Services on Aug. 1
- Jan 8, Board chooses Caudill, Rowlett, and Scott to design j.c.
- Feb. 6 Board chooses Richards farms for site
- March Voters of j. c. district approved a \$10.5 million bond issue to go with the states \$22 million for the campus.
- May, Master Plan approved July 1, bond referendum passes
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- Dec, JC Board gives consent to purchase the Dibble farm

1969

- JJC moves into temporary buildings on its new campus on Bush Road, now Houbolt Road
- Jan, Chapman and Cutler of Chicago approved sale of bonds by District 525
- Feb. 18, Board sells 3,500,000 of bonds to Northern Trust Company at avg. rate of 4.8 per cent.
- April 3, Enrollment for Summer Classes totals 1208 (Sum 69)



- July 25, Will County Building Inspector John Ferguson attaches sign that the temporary buildings are in violation of the Will County zoning and building ordinances. Removes this on August 4.
- JJC annexed to the city on August 5
- Sept. 22, JJC Dist. 525 opens doors to approx. 2,000 students. Had completed registration the previous week at Inwood Rec. Center.
- May, Dwight Davis appointed as curriculum coordinator
- Fall, Lincoln-Way added to five existing satellite centers. Classes also held at Uniroyal, Inc., Federal Paper Board Co in Morris, Caterpillar, Inc., and the Illinois Youth Commission.
- Saturday classes begin to be offered.
- First health center established
- Ron Bleed computerizes the payroll system
- Black Student Union Organized—BSU Queen Candidate wins Miss Shield
- 9/19/69 John Houbolt comes back for the National Space Day parade. At that time, Houbolt Road is named for him (formerly Airport Road) Berlinsky called August 18 John Houbolt Day. He dedicates the Freedom Shrine at this time.

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1970

- JJC Alumni Association organized
- Sept. 1, Rowley retires, days later Douglas Graham appt. Temp. Acting Pres.
- November (15th); Graham is master of ceremonies when ground is broken, marks start of construction on PERMANENT campus
- Susan Wood retires; begins Alumni Association w/Glasscock, etc., Dr. Tom Streitz is president.

1971 McAnich is hired

1972

- Phase I of the permanent campus dedicated Oct. 22, Houbolt is guest speaker.
- July: Child Care center approved
- November 1, Shirley Chisholm speaks at JJC

1973

- Joliet Junior College Foundation incorporated
- Dwight Township annexed into District March 28
- July 9, Odell is annexed
- Peotone; becomes part of district in May 1973
- Lemont incorporated; Feb 29; now contains all or parts of the following: Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Cook, LaSalle, and Livingston
- JJC Junior College Foundation established Aug. 3; organized for action Nov. 11, 1975



1974

- Phase II of the permanent campus dedicated, Fall
- Diamond Jubilee year begins (75th) birthday
- September 30: 'H' Building opens; bridge is finally open

1975

- Distinguished Service Award inaugurated
- College leases space in Bolingbrook's Fountaindale Library and begins offering classes in the rapidly developing northern part of the college district.
- Last Shield yearbook published

1976 Industry/Business Institute organized

1977 Referendum held to approve a 5 cent increase in the educational rate and 2.5 cents in the building rate, OK'd May 16

1978

- Board of Trustees votes to construct FineArts Building
- Dr. Tim Helton is named acting Pres., effective Jan 8

1979

- Nunney named Pres (begins March 1)
- Board of Trustee's finance a study of feasibility of a college center in downtown Joliet.
- Aug.—former Mayor Berlinsky is Appt'd head of committee to explore and negotiate options to acquire this property.

1980

- College opens an instructional site in downtown Joliet at the Louis Joliet Renaissance Center, now known as the City Center Campus
- Ground broken for Fine Arts Center in April
- Additional space leased in Bolingbrook Town Center
- June 1; Foundation purchases Sheraton Joliet Motor Inn for one million dollars.

1981

- Fine Arts Building opens on Main Campus (Sept) Official Grand Opening lasts Nov. 5-8. (11/5 is grand opening).

1982-83



- Instructional site moved from Bolingbrook Fountaindale Library to Romeoville Center at Valley View School. Official headquarters for N. Campus were moved to the Bolingbrook Town Center.
- May 5, Pact of Progress with Rialto signed (pg. 188-9 Wood).
- JJC received accreditation for 8 years from North Central Association of Colleges

1984 Nunney leaves in July
January 23, Fitness Center approved

1993 North Campus opens in Romeoville with a full range of credit and non-credit classes

1996 Arthur G. and Vera C. Smith Business and Technology Center opens on Main Campus

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2007
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